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### Actors And Recitations.

Professional actors are nine times out of ten as ineffective as amateurs in recitations. The tragedian is especially a fool if he allows himself to be persuaded into that sort of declamation. Without the helps of costumes, scenery and dramatic association the cleverest elocution will not save him from disappointed and disillusionizing his audience. I remember how shocked I was when John McCullough, who had up to that time been to me the noble Roman father, Virginius, appeared before me, at a benefit matinee, an ordinary Irishman in trousers, to drearily recite that everlasting doggerel, "The Little Hero." Perhaps you have seen and admired William E. Sheridan as a fierce and very bass Macbeth. He gave them "The Little Hero" at the other afternoon's performance in aid of the sufferers by the Standard Theatre fire. It was frightful. He wasn't tame. He treated it tragically. I tried to find relief by turning my eyes away, and thinking of something else. Naturally, the thing that came into my mind was the old story of the elder Booth reciting the Lord's Prayer, in a manner that threw a company of clergymen into fearful hysterics. Under the circumstances, I became a skeptic as to the truth of that time worn anecdote. Remembering that I had last read it in the Congressionalist, where it was republished very solemnly "by request," I subsequently hunted up and clipped it, and once more read about the triumph of the actor over the prejudice of the pulpit—how his hearers rapturously wept, and one declared that he had never understood the petition before, though he had repeated it daily since childhood.

Henry Irving, the London historian, is back in town from a tour of several large cities, and I went to him with the slip.

"What do you think of that?" I asked, after he had perused it. "Booth was a great actor," he evasively replied.

"No doubt, but do you believe that any actor ever lived, or ever will live, capable or exciting by a simple recital of the Lord's prayer such emotion as is described in this story?"

"Well, the auditors were clergymen, you see, who doubtless were unfamiliar with dramatic effects, and Booth was a bold actor in striking out for a big hit or a big miss. No doubt he may have astonished and delighted those gentlemen, but when you ask me if I believe that story, as it is told, I am bound to say that I don't. It is quite incredible. There isn't any such amount of inspiration in acting nor impressibility in an audience. Besides, the matter recited was extremely familiar to the ministers—much more so, it is fair to presume, than it was to Booth—and that would make the feat of stirring them with it all the more difficult. If a recitation is to make anybody weep it must present a picture of woe, or tell a moving story. The Lord's prayer, recited as an elocutionist's exploit, could not possibly serve that purpose; and I should be inclined to think that a sense of sacrilege might easily be the feeling that it would excite in pious minds. At all events were I the greatest actor on earth, I should not care to undertake the feat."

"I would like to see how you look without bangs," said an old duffer to a young lady, attempting to push the hair from her forehead.

"Well, just wait a minute until

I get a razor," she returned; "I would like to see how you look without a mustache."

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### A Poor Mormon Orphan.

"Why are you crying, my little boy?" asked the man.

"Cause dad's dead," answered the boy.

That's too bad. When did he die?"

"Two months ago."

"Two months ago! Why, that is a very long time, you ought not to be crying now. You must have been very fond of your father?"

"Well, no, can't say that I was, but you see he was the only one I ever had."

"That's so; but you have a mother, have you not?"

"No, they're dead, too."

"They?"

"Yes, you see," said the boy between his sobs, "we were all Mormons, living down in southern Utah, where dad was a bishop, and, of course, had five wives. Well, each one of them had a boy baby about the same age, and they were all named Brigham."

"Isn't it strange to name them all alike?"

"They always named the first one Brigham if it is a boy, and," said he, "when we were about four years old, dad used to drive the little flock of Brighams down to the farm and make us weed carrots. The farm was two miles from town, and one day, when we were alone, a band of Indians kidnapped the whole five of us and took us away down into Arizona. The other boys got sick and all died, but they kept me with them five years before I could escape, which I finally did and got back home. Well when I got back, I didn't know my mother or even her number, and she didn't know me, and they all claimed had me as their little lost Brigham. So they had to draw cuts to see which one would have me; and I was hers till she died—then the next, and so on. My first mother died a year after I got home; then I became the son of mother number two. She apostatized, ran away and married a gentle and got killed in a railway collision. I lived with this mother a year and a half. The third mother got hooked to death by a cow six months after she had me. The fourth one died when I was thirteen and my last mother got drowned six months ago. And now dad's dead. I tell you what's the matter, mister, they don't know what real sorrow is till they've been an orphan, like me, six times.—M.

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"Um!"

"And they are solid gold, with real pearls?"

"Um!"

"They were a Christmas present, you see."

"Ah!"

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"Joe, who bought this?"

"A young dude who is probably that girl's beau."

"What was the price?"

"Ten dollars."

"And what were to say if she called?"

"Forty-five—solid—gold—real pearls."

"Yes—ahem—you know," says the jeweler, as he returns to the counter—"happy to inform you that the original price was \$75, but as the purchaser is one of our best customers we let them go for \$45. Bring 'em in any time you want \$70 in cash."

Exit young lady tickled to death.

The Iowa legislature, after tabling a resolution to investigate the character of Senator Allison, resolved to vote for a United States Senator to-day.

### Board of Supervisors.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
Yuma County, A. T.  
YUMA, A. T., Jan. 23, 1884.

#### REGULAR SESSION.

Board in session pursuant to adjournment.

Roll called. Present Chairman G. M. Thurlow, Supervisor Baker, Supervisor Hutchins and Clerk.

On motion of Supervisor Baker, seconded by Supervisor Hutchins and carried unanimously, the following resolution was then passed by the Board, to-wit:

WHEREAS, Taxpayers of the county have petitioned the Board for an appropriation of five hundred dollars for building a road out of Centennial district to a point in Yuma county, it is

Resolved, That upon a person or a committee of persons being selected by the residents of Centennial and reported to the Clerk of the Board, to take charge of the construction of said road, the Chairman of the Board is hereby authorized to and shall draw a warrant on the Road Fund for the sum of five hundred dollars in favor of said person or committee selected, as aforesaid, by said residents of Centennial; and it is further

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board shall send a copy of this resolution to some person resident of Centennial."

Bill No. 12 of F. Avila for balance due for work on road, on motion of Supervisor Baker, seconded by Supervisor Hutchins and carried unanimously, was allowed on the Road Fund in the sum of forty-two and 97/100 dollars.

On motion of Supervisor Hutchins, seconded by Supervisor Baker and carried unanimously, the following names were ordered stricken off the delinquent tax roll, there being no property to levy against, to-wit: Francisco Tanellez, Refugio Nunez, Virginia Rivena, Antonio Rosillas, Pedro Salido, C. L. St. Ormand, Jesus Borges, Salvador Contreras, L. Jameson, Carmen Mendez, and Celestino Gonzales.

On motion of Supervisor Hutchins, seconded by Supervisor Baker and carried unanimously, the Clerk of the Board was directed to make out the time of the members of the Board and present it to the Probate Judge for auditing.

The minutes of the meeting were then read and unanimously approved, and on motion of Supervisor Hutchins, seconded by Supervisor Baker and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned sine die.

Geo. M. Thurlow,

F. AVILA,  
Clerk.

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